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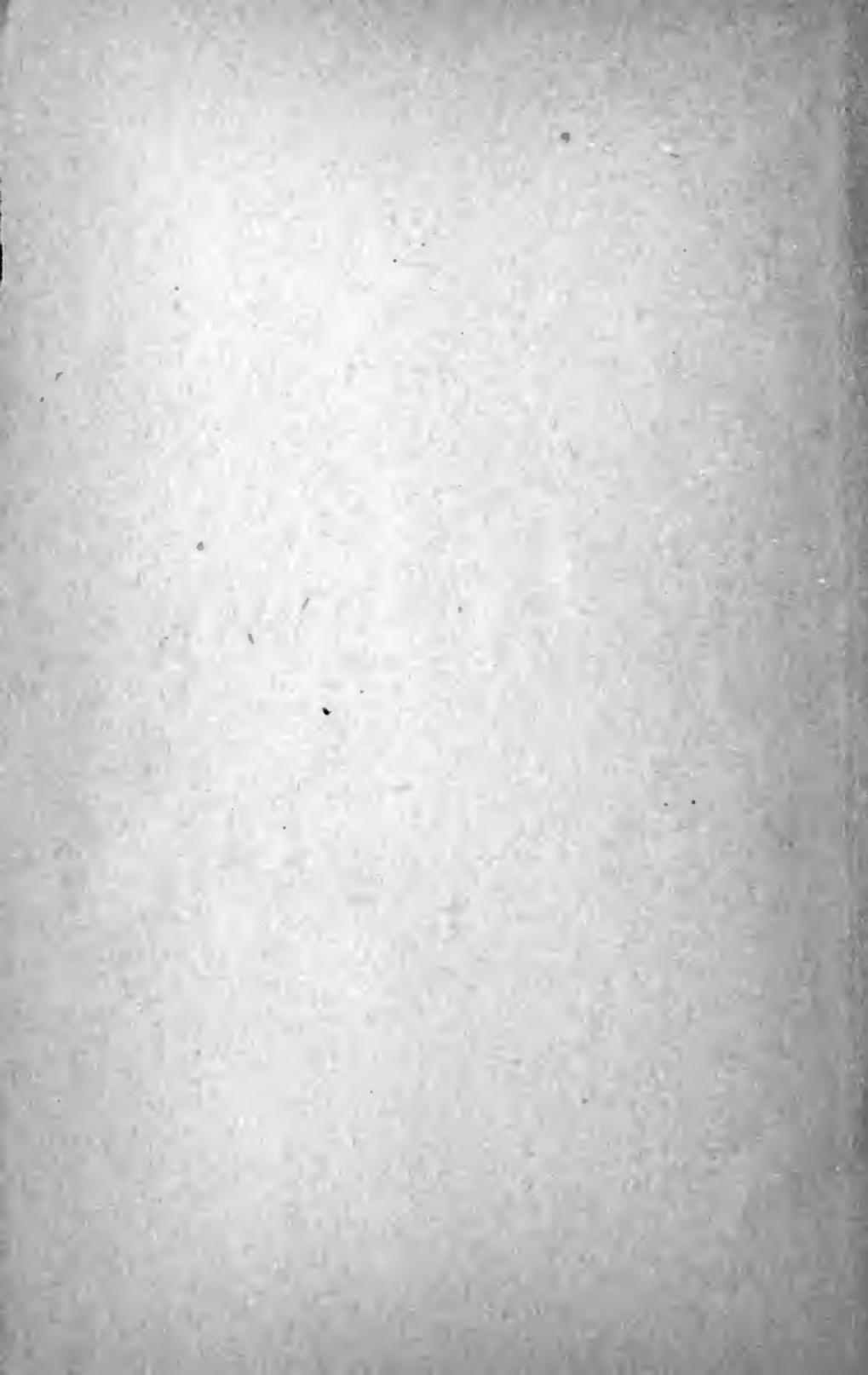
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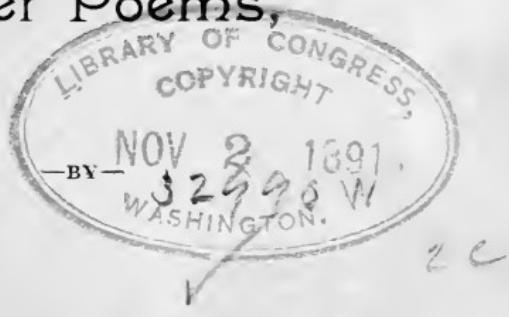


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The blushing rose is beautiful,
 The lily fair to see,
The daisy with its lowly head
 Blooms on the grassy lea :
The yellow primrose ever fair
 Adorns each shady dell ;
But fain I rather would behold,
 The purple heather bell.

The fragrant clover decks our meads
 In clusters bright and red,
The cowslip too, can there be seen,
 With dew its lips are fed.
And oft the sweet forget-me-nots
 Of love their story tell ;
But best of all I love to see
 The purple heather bell.

The lovely flowers our gardens yield
 Are beautiful and fair,
Their gorgeous hues and lovely tints
 Are features rich and rare.
I gaze on them with pleasure deep,
 My heart with rapture swells,
But yet I love amid their bloom
 The purple heather bells.

The bees from flower to flower will fly
 In search of honey dew,
And many a time in vain they try
 Those flowers of gorgeous hue ;
But set them down in August time
 On moor and heathy fell,
Of honey sweet they sip their fill
 From purple heather bell.

I've wandered oft in summer time
 By rippling burns and rills,
 I've climbed with strong and steady limbs
 My native heather hills ;
 I've laid me down and musing there
 On tales of foreign fell,
 I vowed I never would forget
 The purple heather bell.
 And now in this far distant land
 With plenty ever blest,
 The land of love and liberty,
 The land of peace and rest,
 I muse on all the by-gone years ;
 My mem'ry weaves a spell
 Around the joys of boyhood's days
 And purple heather bell.

THE AULD MAN'S RECOLLECTIONS.

In the land o' my birth to me dearest on earth,
 In the land o' auld Scotland, far ower the deep sea,
 I mind weel lang syne when this young heart o' mine
 Was stown by a lassie, sae pawkie and slee.
 I lang, lang did woo her and said I did lo'e her,
 That for her dear sake I was maist like to dee,
 Till her heart I did move wi' the sweet words o' love
 And gat her consent my ain dear wife to be.
 Then when married fu' fain in a house o' oor ain,
 We baith were as còsie as bodies could be ;
 When seated sae snug by the auld chimla lug,
 We would crack wi' ilk ither, my wifie and me.
 And when wee bairnies came to oor dear winsome hame,
 They lichtened oor hearts wi' their innocent glee,
 Sae blythe and sae blate, I worked air and late,
 And we baith were sae happy, my wifie and me.
 But awa ane by ane frae oor side they were ta'en,
 By the fell hand o' Death, a grim tyrant is lie !
 And for mony a day in dool sorrow and wae,
 We lamented their ganging, my wifie and me.

Though much death bereft us, yet aye still is left us,
 To cheer our old age by the licht o' his e'e ;
 He is kind to his mither, we are dear to ilk ither
 My own dawtie boy, my wifie and me.
 Noo auld age creeps o'er us and death is before us,
 But me and my wifie we dread na to dee ;
 Our wark is maist dune and the Faither abune
 Will sune steek the een o' my wifie and me.
 We cease noo oor moaning as comes on life's gloamin',
 For sune our dear bairns we again hope to see,
 And meet them forever across the cauld river,
 To dwell a' thegither in mansions sae hie.

CENTENNIAL POEM ON THOMAS CAMPBELL.

A hundred years have passed away
 Across the dial stone of time,
 O'er Scotia's stern and rugged clime,
 Since Thomas Campbell's natal day.

To-day, a hundred years ago
 This greatly gifted man was born ;
 No peal of bells nor trumpet horn
 Proclaimed his birth to friend or foe.

Born in Albin's commercial mart,
 Where flowers bloomed on the banks of Clyde ;
 And sweeping out upon its tide
 Sailed freighted ships for every part
 Of earth's dominions : every clime
 They visited with wealth and goods
 From field and mine and storied woods,
 At morning's dawn or evening's chime.

Well pleased his mother saw the fire
 Of genius sparkling in his eyes,
 While adding to the many ties
 That bound her to his worthy sire.

In youth, while feeble in his frame,
 He wandered often by the side
 Of Cora Linn or Falls of Clyde
 In search of health, the vital flame.

At school his genius brightly shone,
 For often in the classic race
 With soaring wings and swifter pace
 The goal he reached, the prize he won.
 Well purified and well refined
 By varied learning, rich and rare,
 And art's fine treasures garnered there
 His youthful cultivated mind.

With prescient eye his fancy saw
 Himself the Rector's place secure
 In after life with heart as pure
 As when he walked the Broomielaw.

He saw the last of human kind
 Address the glowing orb of day
 And bid it hasten on its way
 To fell destruction sure destined.

While he with his immortal soul
 Of all things yet should see the last
 Depart and fade into the past
 Ere he should reach the heavenly goal.

With sympathy his bosom burned
 For Poland's cause, for Poland's weal,
 And active his unflagging zeal
 That Russia's power should be o'erturned.

That Poland evermore be free,
 Was his own dear intense desire,
 And brightly burned that patriot fire ;
 But woe, alas! it could not be.

Scotland, my dear, my native land,
 From Thee hath sprung a numerous host
 Of noble names, our pride and boast,
 To adorn and grace thy sea-washed strand.



TRIBUTE OF THANKS

TO EMILY CHARLES HAWTHORNE, FOR POEM ON BURNS.

Respected Madam, now this line
 I send to thee for favor fine,
 Which thou didst grant to me and mine
 On Burn's night ;
 By far the best of poems thine,
 And full of light.

I'm glad thou dost appreciate
 The writings of our bard so great,
 Who is (though born of low estate)
 The king of song ;
 But who so early met his fate
 And stayed not long
 To clink the words and make them jingle
 By grassy howe or heartsome ingle,
 And deign with honest folks to mingle
 At kirk or fair,
 And with an eye forever single
 To praise them there.

We thank thee for thy poem fine,
 For every verse, for every line,
 The which with wit and sense did shine
 High over all
 Who did upon the muses nine
 Attempt to call.

Thy praise of Burns is well deserved,
 Yet still thy power may be reserved,
 Thy heart and pen the more be nerved
 To sing his fame,
 Who from his duty never swerved
 Nor his great aim.

With manly independent heart
 He nobly used the poets art
 To aim and shoot the pointed dart
 At fraud or guile,
 While men of sense with wit alert
 Did laugh or smile

To see how he exposed their cant,
 Their rhodomontade and their rant
 About religion : showed their want
 Of real true grace

Who still with hypocritic vaunt
 Lengthened their face.

Thy "flower of verse from freedom's shrine
 Of him who sang of auld lang syne,"
 We'll cherish aye, line upon line,
 While life shall last.

We pray God's blessings on thee and thine
 May now fall fast.

And when thy life's last vital thread
 Shall snap in twain, and thy fair head
 Shall pillow'd be among the dead
 In church-yard low,
 May friends around thy narrow bed
 Express their woe

By thy sweet and pure reflection
 As pictured in their recollection,
 Thy every good and worthy action
 While in this life,
 And thy constant true affection
 As maid or wife.

Adieu, Dear Madam, and this rhyme
 Excuse on part of me and mine,
 Our thankfulness inspired the line
 We send to thee.

May favors from on high be thine,
 Now and for aye.

POEM

COMMEMORATING THE 80TH BIRTHDAY OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Though humble his birth and low his estate,
 Though rough his young life and hard was his fate,
 He did triumph o'er all of the ills of life,
 And came out the victor at last from the strife.

Though hard were his labors in life's early youth,
 Yet strong his young heart and valiant for truth.
 He did climb by hard paths to the fair heights of Fame,
 And engrave on those heights an immortal name.

Through many reverses he rose up at last
 A hero to conquer over every rude blast
 That beat on his bosom so loyal and true.
 No deed of his life had he e'er cause to rue.

To the highest position his country could give,
 He attained by his wisdom and prudence to live
 For her weal and her good through her darkest hour,
 And nobly he wielded his God given power.

When treason arose and with wild ruthless hand
 Essayed to destroy our fair fertile land.
 Espying the danger he grappled with might
 To subdue the monster and uphold the right.

And when had appeared the fulness of time
 He did rise in grandeur to height sublime ;
 With the words of his pen, by a hand true and brave
 He did strike off the fetters from every slave.

He sent to perdition that cursed institution
 That sullied the page of our fair constitution,
 No more to disfigure, no more to deface,
 A whole nation of freemen we now take our place.

Ever true through the nation's dreariest hour,
 He did wield with wisdom his wonderful power
 To redeem her highly dear honored name,
 And place her o'er all on the bright scroll of fame.

But his country's enemies, maddened and pained
 By the conquest that truth and right had obtained,
 With one cruel blow laid him bleeding alone
 To seal with his blood the great work he had done.

Then his country bewailed the sad loss of her chief,
 And his martyr death plunged her deep into grief,
 And his countrymen followed with woe deep and sincere
 To his last resting place his pall and his bier.

Remembering his worth and remembering his fame
 We praise and admire his much honored name ;
 We would pass down that name in traditional story
 Enshrined as it is in a halo of glory.

Ye comrades once in arms, Oh ! forget not the woe
 Which our country in these her dark hours passed
 through,
 And the peace which your valor and prowess attained
 Transmit to your sons e'er unsullied, unstained !

ANNIVERSARY POEM ON BURNS.

READ AT RYAN'S HALL, INDIANAPOLIS, JAN. 25, 1877.

We meet this night to celebrate the birth
 Of Burns, whose fame extended wide
 As soul and king of song o'er all the earth ;
 We point to him with grateful pride.

And while o'er all the world, in every land,
 They meet to honor him whose song
 Binds heart to heart, joins hand in hand,
 And brothers make of every gathered throng.

We too, his countrymen, assembled here
 With joy around this festive board,
 Will hail again the birthday with good cheer
 Of Scotia's son, the ploughman bard.

In a lowly cot on the banks of Doon
 Was Burns, the peasant poet, born ;
 No pomp attended on the birth of one
 Whose songs are sung at eve and morn.

In early youth auld Scotia's genius fair
 His steps pursued while at the plow,
 While warbling birds in feathery plumage rare
 Sang sweet on every branch and bough.

And viewing oft his manly form and face,
 With haste she near and nearer drew,
 Till o'er that form with matchless queenly grace
 Her mantle she divinely threw,

Saying, "Hail king of poesy and song,
 To thee this mantle I bequeath,
 Attune the harp which long hath been unstrung,
 Sing sweetly o'er thy native heath."

Then lowly kneeling at her feet
 The youth with grateful homage bows,
 And modestly in tender accents sweet
 With honest fervent heart he vows
 To sing dear Albin's hills and fertile vales,
 Her rivers clear, her lakes and woods,
 Her mountain steeps sublime, her flow'ry vales,
 Her light cascades, her roaring floods,
 Her maidens blythe and fair, her honest men.
 In glorious verse and fitting rhyme
 He finished this great task, laid down his pen
 And died while yet in early manhood's prime.
 And now let us this night resume
 His praise who sang so sweet, so well,
 And who like yonder silvery shining moon
 Doth o'er us cast a magic spell.
 All hail to Burns, the king of song and mirth,
 The soul and joy of minstrelsy,
 Destined though but a peasant at his birth
 To reign in human hearts for aye.
 Dear Caledonia, though far from thy shore,
 We dwell on Columbia's fair strand,
 We'll cherish thy glorious memories evermore,
 Our own, our dear, our native land.

THE YOUNG WIFE'S SOLILOQUY, OR MY WILLIE AND ME.

In the days o' lang syne when a lassie sae wee
 Aye careless and lightsome, as happy's a bee,
 I roamed ower the heath or spield the green braes
 Free as a bird a' the lang simmer days,
 And cam' hame at e'enin' doon laden wi' flowers
 Culled by wee hands frae nature's fair bowers;

Oh ! they were as bonnie as bonnie could be,
I tauld my dear miunie wi' joy in my e'e.

A' simmer a bare-fitted lassie I roved
Through the fields and the lanes I sae lang dearly loved,
Awa over the knows or deep doon in the dells,
Gatherin' the bonnie braw Scottish blue bells,
Or the wild bits o' gowans that grew on the lea
To mak' into posies for mither and me;
I thought na o' walth and I kent na o' fame
But was well satisfied when at e'en I cam' hame.

And when winter would come and cauld winds would
blaw

And cover the earth wi' a mantle o' snaw,
Fu' cosie inside we would sit round the fire
And list to auld tales we did sae much admire.
"As bonny Kilmeny ga'ed down the long glen
Where fairies did dwell and where nae aye did ken,
O what happened to her when she was awa'
But she cam' back no the same being ava."

Sae the lang winter nights passed cheerily by,
Tho' loud blew the winds and black was the sky,
And for mony a year the time passed awa'
Till at last I the time of young womanhood saw,
When wi' laughin' and daffin I gaed mony a gate,
And sune I was brought face to face with my fate,
For strappin' and tall and fu' gracefu' was he
And warmed my heart wi' the kind look o' his e'e.

Oh ! he aye sought me oot and wi' me he would gang
To market or fair and ne'er think the road lang,
O' a' the folk that I saw it seemed unto me
That name were mair happy than Willie and me,
Till at length for his coming I impatient did wait
In the lang simmer e'en doon by the yard gate,
And then his "good e'enin'" would make my heart dirl
And set a' my bosom and head in a whirl.

Time swiftly sped by as we wandered together,
We were seldom apart though stormy the weather,

When he spiered for my hand wi' a smile on his face
 I gied him my promise wi' a good heart o' grace.
 Sae sune we were married, tis some years since gane,
 And I ne'er rued the day when my heart it was ta'en,
 But I bless aye the day that we met wi' ilk ither
 And thus far in true love we live happy together.

Sune there cam' to oor home a wee bairnie fair
 Wi' bloom in her cheeks and bonnie fair hair,
 Which made us mair closer to ilk other move
 An added link o' affection to bind us in love,
 Fu' fondly we welcomed this wee bond sae dear,
 And we plighted oor faith that this being sae fair
 Would hae oor peculiar fond parental care.

Then to better oor state my dear Willie did sail
 For the land o' the west, and blest was the gale
 That wafted him ower the wide stormy main
 And brought back the news of his safety again.
 When two years had sped the guid kindly chiel,
 Wha in the meantime had done unco weell,
 Did send for us baith whom he much wished to see,
 And we were reunited, my Willie, the bairn and me.

There a cosy wee home for us a' he had made
 In a bonnie wee hoose underneath the saft shade
 O' the maples sae green that stood by in the street
 Where flowers also shed forth their odor sae sweet.
 Noo twa years hae sped in this far-awa' land
 And anither ane is added unto oor bit band,
 Sae we creep aye the closer and fu' kindly agree
 To lo'e ilk ither mair fondly, my Willie and me.

O lang may it be sae and lang, lang may we lo'e
 Ilk ither wi' hearts ever faithfu' and true,
 In constant affection while life shall endure
 May our lives like a stream grow mair and mair pure,
 Sae that when at the last oor bit race here is run
 And the last battle ended, the last victory won,
 Having safely glided over this life's fitful sea,
 May we land safe in heaven, my Willie and me.

POEM

WRITTEN FOR THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF
 THE BIRTH OF ENOCH PERRY, MENASHA,
 MARCH, 1890.

Swift changing time speeds on apace,
 Year after year rolls o'er each head,
 Marking new lineaments in the face
 Till all is done and we are dead.

Those young in years would fain they sped
 More swiftly till to manhood grown,
 Thinking they drag by a lengthened chain
 A heavy load to the vast unknown.

While the old think winged pinions broad
 Bear them along with rapid flight
 As if they were but a trifling load ;
 To them they seem but as a night.

And so the birthdays come and go,
 To some glad steps in the path of life,
 To others only bringing sad scenes of woe
 And burdens heavy and ceaseless strife.

His birthday here, what are the joys
 That fill his heart with a glad refrain ?
 Is he satisfied with the gaudy toys
 Of this fleeting world, those trifles vain ?

No, I wot not ; his thoughts arise
 To things sublime where glory shines,
 To the pastures green of fair paradise
 Where he revels while writing those gracious lines

That come from his lips in promise sweet
 To the faithful ones soothing their fears,
 How they together in glory shall meet
 After the flight of life's few short years,

In a happier clime where sorrows ne'er come
 To dim the eyes or sadden the heart,
 For the Light of that world shall be the Lamb,
 And all shall share a glorious part.

We come, dear Brother, with words of cheer
 On this return of thy natal day,
 Rejoicing with thee that another year
 Of safety and joy has passed away.

That yet you are spared your mission to fill,
 With prospects fair of the years to come,
 That with added zeal you may press on still
 With greater speed to your heavenly home,

May God in his love give you strength and health
 To proclaim his message of love to all
 Who hear your voice : for what is wealth
 Or this world's gain if we hear not the call.

Our Father, we pray thou wilt bless this home,
 The father and mother and children dear,
 With peace and joy in days to come,
 And happier still be each passing year.

May one and all here so run the race
 In the heavenly way to the land of rest
 That they may behold thy dear smiling face,
 With their Saviour dwell forever blest.

POEM.

OOR AULD FRIEND JOHN.

I ha'e wandered muckle through this weary warl,
 I ha'e met wi' queer men noo dead and gone,
 But in mony respects I ha'e ne'er seen a carle
 Sae funny and queer as oor auld friend John.

I ken fu' weel he canna sing a sang,
 O' music within him there's never a tone,
 But weel pleased he will listen the haile night lang
 To ither folk singing, oor auld friend John.

But few sic men as oor friend can be found,
 Wi' like lear in their heads, as we must own,
 Ye will no often find them the warld around,
 Sae wise and sae learned as oor auld friend John.

He can quote you extracts o' verse or prose
 Frae writers that lang ha'e been dead and gone,
 As Burns, Scott, Byron, Hogg, Campbell and those
 O' many mair countries, oor auld friend John.

O' ups and downs he has had his ain share,
 And dool sorrow and woe as time has flown
 Has saddened the heart and whitened the hair
 O' this guid kind fallow, oor auld friend John.

Yet bravely he has borne the rude world's shock
 'Gainst his peace and his life, well nigh overthrown,
 But stands after a' as firm as a rock
 In the midst o' a tempest, our auld friend John.

Noo this wee bit o' rhyme I maun draw to a close,
 Though his virtues I trow are no half shown,
 That he has mony mair ilka ane here knows
 He is a douce guidman, oor auld friend John.

When we meet together sae blythe and slee
 Wi' quib cracks and jokes that are a' his own,
 He will draw oot the fun with mirth and glee
 Frae the lave of the chields, oor auld friend John.

Aye when we forgather to drive awa care,
 We raise oor pavilion and set up oorthrone,
 And then we select ane the night's croon to wear,
 Wha d'ye think is the king but oor auld friend John?

Sae here's his guid health and lang may he live
 To rule this great people around him that's grown,
 The best in his realm to them may he give,
 And kind be the rule o' oor guid King John.

TRIBUTE OF WELCOME TO JOHN S. REID,
 RECTOR OF SAINT PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, INDIANAPOLIS,
 AFTER HIS RETURN FROM VACATION SEPT. 1, 1878.

Though thy absence from us hath been brief,
 We have missed thee much, our worthy chief;
 Thy presence in our midst once again
 Is like bright sunshine after rain.

We welcome thee back to our throng
 With smiles, by voice in speech and song,
 For thee our hearts are filled with love,
 To thee with outstretched hands we move.

A happy people greet you here,
 Their Pastor, Friend and Brother dear,
 These smiling faces round thee tell
 The love which in their hearts doth dwell.

Now while we spend a happy night,
 While every eye beanis clear and bright,
 While joy abounds in every heart
 May each, may all act well their part

To welcome thee as each sees best
 To loving labors after rest.
 Those labors may the Master bless
 And crown them ever with success.

May heaven's choicest blessings now
 Descend and rest upon thy brow,
 May peace and plenty e'er be yours
 While hope and life and time endures.

And when thy labours here are o'er,
 When men shall see thy face no more,
 May angels guide thy spirit home
 High up to Heaven's ethereal dome.

A ROMANCE OF REAL LIFE.

The sun was sinking in the West
 Gwer bonny fair Dundee,
 The sangsters o' the deep wild wood
 Were mute on ilka tree,
 The shadows o' the e'ein' time
 Were gathering thick and fast,
 A' sounds o' joyous life were hushed
 Declaring day was past.
 Sweet was the witching gloaming hour
 And tranquil was the scene

Where twa young lovers fondly met,
 By a' the world unseen,
 To take a sad and lang fareweel,
 For he was gaun to see
 If fortune in a distant land
 Would be mair kind and free.

"Sweet lassie," said the loving lad,
 "My heart is only thine,
 And when I shall be far awa
 Let not your heart repine;
 For I'll be aye, aye true to thee
 Where'er I distant roam,
 And soon should fortune smile on me
 I'll make for thee a home,
 And I will send for you, my dear,
 It's peace with me to share,
 Then through the future o' life's years
 We'll part no nevermair."

"Oh ! laddie dear, I'm wae to think
 We soon shall parted be,
 But swear by all the powers abune
 To faithful prove to thee,
 And patiently whate'er betide
 I'll await the message fair
 That bids me hasten to thy side
 Thy joys or griefs to share.
 Sae when you're far frae me awa
 O dinna e'er forget
 Your plighted troth to keep heart true
 And never for me fret."

The hours sped on while this fond pair
 Plighted their vows to keep
 Whate'er should happen them while apart,
 Divided by waters deep;
 Little mair did they say for thought
 Was busy within each mind,
 She dreaded the parting soon to come,
 He sighed to leave her behind.

At last the farewell words they spake,
 The tears stood in their e'en,
 He hied him off with a heavy heart,
 She grat when a' unseen.

Out on the ocean sailing fast
 A brave ship held her way,
 Each bending spar and straining mast
 Told the breeze held well its sway,
 And her human freight with ardent hope ~
 Were musing while on she bore
 Them all through the white and billowy foam
 To a far off fertile shore.

On that vessel's deck our young hero stood,
 His thoughts went back to the night
 When he parted from her in the deep greenwood,
 While the tears came and dimmed his sight,
 Yet hope rose in his heart as he gazed o'er the sea,
 And whispered of plenty in the land of the West,
 How fortune would smile on his labors and toils,
 When success should attend and he should be blest,
 So proudly all his fears to the breezes he flung
 And cheerily, merrily thus now he sung :

‘Roll on, deep blue sea, in power and might
 And bear our good ship until land comes in sight,
 On hope’s pinions borne I’ll toil not in vain,
 But succeed in my mission across the deep main.’

The voyage now ended, o'er the deep waters blue
 To eager eyes watching the land comes in view,
 Very soon the staunch vessel reaches the shore
 And lands now in safety all those whom she bore ;
 Our hero now landed he flies to the West,
 For there he had thought his chances were best,
 And by rail at last reaching far Winnepeg,
 But there for employment in vain did he beg ;
 Discouraged, disheartened, he starts for the states
 Where a full home of plenty his coming awaits.
 Soon swiftly the message is borne o'er the sea,
 ‘Come now, my lassie, Oh ! come unto me,

Here cosy beneath the maple's green shade
A home of contentment for thee I have made."

The message received, she quickly prepares
To share now with him his joys or his cares,
Her friends and relations she bids an adieu
And sails off with joy o'er the deep waters blue ;
The vessel speeds on in her course o'er the main,
The two hearts will soon be united again.

The land soon appears o'er the watery brim
And seems a fair haven as it did unto him,
She lands and soon safely then borne on the rail
She meets him and thus nears the end of our tale,
For soon after this the banns are proclaimed,
The time is appointed, the day it is named,
And this night these two lovers you've seen made one.
My story is ended, my task it is done.

DAY BY DAY.

A pilgrim in a stranger's land
With weary steps my feet doth stray,
Oh ! let me hold thee by the hand
And guide me safely day by day.

Swift years roll round the course of time
And the moments quickly speed away,
Oh ! lead me now while in my prime
And guide me safely day by day.

Should clouds and storms e'er gathering fast
Obscure by gloom the narrow way
Lead me till storms and clouds are past
And guide me safely day by day.

Should sin and satan tempt my life
And fill my soul with bleak dismay.
Give strength, Oh ! aid me in the strife
And bring me safely through the fray.

When health shall fail and limbs grow weak,
 When this poor body shall decay,
 Then kindly Lord unto me speak
 And guide me safely all the way.

When life's short fitful fever's o'er,
 When longs my soul to flee away,
 Then Saviour guide me to that shore
 Where beams the bright eternal day.

THE DARKEST HOUR IS JUST BEFORE DAWN.

If at times through this life our hearts e'er grow weary,
 And in sorrow oft sighing we bitterly moan,
 Let us ever remember though all seems so dreary
 The hour that is darkest is just before dawn.

If the lean hand of poverty grasp at our life,
 And with hunger's keen pangs we oft inwardly groan,
 Let us still muster courage and renew the strife,
 The hour that is darkest is just before dawn.

If those who in time of prosperity were friends,
 Should in days of adversity leave us alone,
 Let us still battle on to accomplish our ends,
 The hour that is darkest is just before dawn.

If some sick friend appears to be nearing the tomb,
 Who lately in health sported o'er the green lawn,
 Let us still cherish hope he'll be spared to our home,
 The hour that is darkest is just before dawn.

OUT ON THE LAKE.

Out on the lake on a summer day fair,
 Breathing the fresh invigorating air,
 Out on its waters with a joyful crowd
 Where laughter and mirth are frequent and loud,
 Sailing along o'er the deep swelling waves,
 E'en when the storm and the mighty wind raves,
 When nature with life is alert, awake,
 Oh ! it is grand to be out on the Lake.

Out on the Lake, like a deep mirror wide
 Where the white winged boats so rapidly glide,
 You can see them reflected within the clear waves
 While around and about them the water laves ;
 The gull on its broad wings is sweeping along,
 While we hear in the distance the fisherman's song,
 Much health and content from its bosom we take,
 Oh ! it is pleasant away out on the Lake.

Out on the Lake keenly watching the race,
 We see eagerness painted on every face,
 As bounding away from the start they go
 Like an arrow shot from a very strong bow.
 See the yachts stretch away before a brisk gale,
 While about and behind them many a sail
 Is following forth in their glassy wake
 Intently watching the race on the Lake.

Out on the Lake, we are now bound for home,
 Our good ship cleaving the billowy foam,
 While far to each side the land can be seen
 Clothed in dense foliage of living green.
 Speeding on swiftly all hearts are gay
 As bathed in the light of declining day
 With joy of pleasure our fill we partake,
 Oh ! it is fine to be out on the Lake

WRITTEN FOR THE 120TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH
 OF ROBERT BURNS, 1879.

We meet this nicht to celebrate
 The birth o' nae great potentate,
 But peasant bard sae blythe and blate,
 Dear Bobbie Burns,
 Wha lang has gane the weary gate
 We gang by turns.

Noo sax score years ha'e fled awa'
 Since he his breath began to draw,
 Whan winter winds aroond did blaw
 Sac keen and cauld,

And filled the doors wi' driving snaw,
Auld Boreas bauld.

The kin folks round wi' anxious care
Did view his face sae young and fair
But little kenned what kind o' ware
There was comin',
Until the gossip versed in lear
Unco woman

Did ower him bend wi' winsome smile,
To tell his fortune she did toil
Whilst ithers waited a' the while
To hear his fate.

Hoo he should sing ower Scotia's isle,
And be na blate.

To sing whate'er should please himsell,
To sing what unto him befell,
To sing by burn and woody dell
The lassies braw
That he did woo and lo'e sae well
By birk or shaw.

To sing o' nature's honest men
In cantie but or cosie ben,
The chields that he sae well did ken
And lo'ed to meet,
And wha deserved the praise his pen
Laid at their feet.

To sing "Ye banks and braes of Doon"
And "I'll gang nae mair to yon toon"
Or the "Bonnie Mary Morrison
Aslichts a fairy

And that sae sweet to bouny tune,
His Highland Mary."

To sing o' "Tam O'Shanter's mare,"
To sing aboot "The Holy Fair,"
"First when Maggie was my care"
Or "Duncan Gray,"
"O' wandering by the banks o' Ayr
Ae winter's day."

To sing o' "Nancy, Nannie, Jean,"
 And ither lassies too I ween,
 He met by leafy shaw or green
 When he was young.
 In praise o' maist braw lassies seen
 His harp he strung.

Wi' manly independent breast
 Richt bauldly he himself exprest
 Before the rich, though he their guest,
 When questions rose,
 And Lords did think that they kenned best
 Ower Athole brose.

And wha while lords and ladies fine
 Aft ower a glass o' rosy wine
 Would make him a' his friendship tine,
 Plied a' their art,
 Yet minded aye the days langsyne
 And kept his heart.

While passing up auld Reckie's Street
 Wi' gentleman sae sleek and neat,
 An honest friend he chanced to meet
 And to him spak,
 As glad his old time friend to greet
 As though his back

Was clad in best o' guid braid clraith
 That was wae waur for wear or skaith,
 As though braw and warm it was baith,
 As e'er could be;
 He met him wi' as muckle faith
 And hearty glee.

When he reached again the lordie's side,
 The cuif a' wrapped up in his pride
 Did daur the honest bard to chide
 In haughty strain.
 Tauld him his fame there wadna bide
 If e'er again

He spake to sic' like lookin' men
 The rich nae mair the bard would ken,
 And he should quit just there and then
 And na mair to them chat.

Bauldly he said wi' tongue and pen
 "A man's a man for a' that."

For friends to him were friends indeed,
 Though toilers for their daily bread,
 Though farmers plowing ower the mead
 Wi' dinna care;
 Wi' blessings he bade them God speed
 To muckle mair.

For Robie was a clever chiel
 Wha ne'er ta foe did shaw his heel
 And feàred nobody; e'en the de'il
 He dared address,
 As he wi' sturdy step did spel
 Up Paruassus.

Let us rejoice again this nicht
 In Burns, oor bright and shining licht,
 And ne'er through life of him lose sicht,
 Nor a' he's dune,
 Till we in regions clear and bricht
 Meet him abune.

THE WOODS.

How pleasant to be in the woods
 In the balmy month of June,
 Where upon the high tree tops
 Each bird is singing a tune,

A hymn of praise to the Creator above
 For His bountiful mercy, His wonderful love.

How beautiful are the groves,
 How grateful is their shade,
 When from the heat of the scorching sun
 We seek the forest glade

And silently there in the solitude
 We recline at our ease in the leafy wood.

How fragrant the summer air
 With the perfume of new mown hay,
 How beautiful, glossy and fair
 Are the birds in their plumage gay
 As they flit about on the wanton wing
 And joyously, merrily, happily sing.

How cool and refreshing the breeze
 Unto the sufferer's cheek
 As under the shade of the trees
 He health for his body doth seek.
 It raises his spirits, brightens his eye
 And he thankfully raises his voice to the sky
 Saying, "Father, I offer my heart unto Thee
 And thank Thee for all of Thy kindness to me,
 For succor received from Thy bountiful hand
 When the wheels of this life were nigh at a stand,
 For all of the blessings Thou hast bestowed
 When burdened with cares like a heavy load,
 When I almost despaired of life and of hope,
 And constantly fretfully ever did mope,
 Although from the hands of benevolent love
 Rich blessings were showered daily on me from above,"

ODD FELLOW'S MOTTO.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH.

Friendship is the true bond of life
 That shall with each succeeding year
 Dispense all fratricidal strife
 And quench for aye distrust and fear.
 Then war shall cease throughout the earth
 And peace shall reign serenely bright,
 And plenty take the place of dearth
 Where all was gloom and brooding night.
 Love then shall shed a golden beam
 Upon each home and family,
 Or like a silvery gliding stream
 From heart to heart flow swiftly.

Then happy, all with one accord
 Shall thankful stoop and bow the knee
 To heaven's high majestic Lord,
 Our King through all eternity.

Truth shall prevail o'er all the land
 And Error foul shall be laid low,
 Then all men, Brothers of one band
 Their friendship, love and truth will show
 In deeds of mercy to the poor
 Who need their aid and sympathy,
 And every house with open door
 Shall entertain the stranger free.

IN MEMORIAM.

ON THE DEATH OF MATTHEW PERRY, INDIANAPOLIS.

But yesterday to us he seemed
 So hale and hearty for this life,
 So strong and able as we deemed
 To battle in this rough world's strife.

But alas ! for human expectation
 Of what the future forth will bring,
 Without one short day's intimation
 He felt the power of death's rude sting.

Snatched suddenly from our little band
 His face no more our eyes shall see,
 No more will press his loving hand
 Nor feel the thrilling ecstacy.

Of joy and friendship warm our hearts
 As round and round song follows song
 At our reunions : for death's darts
 Have silent made our brother's tongue.

Genial and kind with us he mingled
 Greeting us with a friendly smile,
 Each one amongst us aye he singled
 To shake our hand and chat awhile.

Inquiring kindly for our welfare
 Or how we prospered by the way,
 Happy to hear if we did share
 A taste of joy from day to day.

And if the world's sorrows touched us
 Plunging us deep into woe and grief;
 His sympathizing words e'er reached us,
 His hand afforded prompt relief.

We'll miss him, aye we'll miss him sadly
 When round again comes Burn's day,
 Where he would have been right gladly
 To pass the merry hours away.

We sorrow with his bereaved friends,
 His daughter, son and loving wife,
 Hoping when their race on this earth ends
 They shall meet him in a better life
 Where cares and sorrows ne'er shall come,
 Where partings shall forever cease,
 Where in a bright eternal home
 The good shall dwell in perfect peace.

IN MEMORIAM,

ON THE DEATH OF ALEXANDER MATHEWSON, INDIAN- APOLIS.

A short time ago he came to our city,
 A lonely young man, lowly humble and poor,
 Homeless and friendless enlisting our pity,
 And in want he called at our workshop door.
 He left his own land far away o'er the sea
 To seek for wealth on Columbia's shore,
 He left his relations with heart light and free,
 Little recking that they should see him no more.
 But soon these fond hopes he cherished were blighted,
 The fair golden dream from his fancy had fled,
 When here in this city sad and benighted
 Our aid he desired to procure work and bread.

He little expected to starve in a land
 Where plenty was said to exist evermore,
 And where far away from his loved native land
 All enough might receive of the new world's store.
 With our assistance he procured work at last,
 His immediate wants very soon were relieved,
 Hope returned to his heart so lately down cast
 And freely amongst us life's pure air he breathed.
 With high aims and bright prospects his bosom now
 burned
 Since winter had fled with its mantle of snow
 And glowing with beauty bright spring had returned
 Driving far from his bosom the feelings of woe.
 His life for some time then he seemed to enjoy,
 A pleasant companion with heart light and free,
 Of life's pleasures drinking though mixed with alloy,
 His countrymen often desiring to see.
 But alas !, ah ! too soon disease with its pain
 Laid hold on his vitals, encompassed his life,
 Hope fled from his heart on its plumed wings again
 And Death soon released him from sorrow and strife.
 We followed the bier with his corpse to the grave,
 His remains in the dust we laid down with care,
 While around that sad spot the willows did wave
 We fervently breathed for his mother a prayer.
 Oh ! may he who tempers the wind to the lamb
 Prepare her fond heart for the news of his death,
 Who though far away was her own darling son
 And murmured her name with his last dying breath.
 Soothe her, Oh ! Lord, with thy comforting spirit
 For the loss of her son so far, far away,
 And may they together dear heaven inherit
 And dwell there united the long endless day.



EPISTLE

TO MY BROTHER AND SISTER, JOSEPH AND MARY
PICKARD, NEAR LEEDS, YORKSHIRE, ENGLAND, FEB. 1886.

While winter with his icy hand
With mighty grasp enfolds the land
And holds it fast secure,
While winds around my dwelling blow
And deeply lies the glistening snow
So beautiful and pure,
I sit me down to pen this line
To thee so far away
Who should be dear to me and mine
While life holds still her sway,
With good will I hope still
To merit thy esteem,
So stay for and pray for
A new poetic gleam.

Remembering the days langsyne
When but a lad I saw thee fine
So stalwart and so tall,
So vigorous in brain and limb,
So full of life, so full of vim
Thou stood the peer of all,
A sturdy oak of English birth
Thou wert in days of yore,
And firmly trod thy mother earth
When little past thy score
Of life's years without fears
Such was near thy age,
Thy young life 'gan the strife
Of battle fierce to wage.

Across the wild Atlantic main
Thy welcome letter safely came
And cheered my grateful heart.
With joy my inmost bosom burned
As o'er and o'er I deftly turned
Its pages on my part,

And read the message there revealed
 Of kindred love and joy,
 Which from thy bosom now revealed
 Were lavished on the boy
 Who on a time in Scotia's clime
 Dwelt with thee when a child
 And found there thy tenderest care
 His infant hours beguiled.

Though many years since then have fled
 And passed o'er that once childish head
 His heart is still the same,
 Tender as when in youthful glee
 He lovingly prattled on thy knee
 And sought thy love to claim.
 Though wandering far from thee away
 He strives yet for the right,
 That he may meet thee on that day
 There in that land of light
 Where ever seen with joy supreme
 We behold our Savior dear,
 Where not a sigh will e'er come nigh
 To cause a single tear,
 And my dear sister, thy dear wife,
 I mind what joy in early life
 I often had with her,
 Who eldest of the children was
 Yet never proved herself the cause
 Of making any suffer,
 But rather by her kindly aid
 Did help us on our way
 When bairns trials sair dismayed
 In that our life's young day.
 She cheered oft and cleared oft
 The thorny paths we trod,
 She bade us and made us
 Bear up beneath our load.
 Thy letter duly came to hand
 From thy far and distant land,

The home of Britons true,
 Who for a thousand years or more
 Did wage their wars upon that shore
 Against a tyrant crew,
 Till they at last the victory gained
 O'er tyranny and might.
 And freedom to the world obtained
 By conquering in the right.
 Ne'er fail then to hail then,
 These noble Britons bold,
 Those freemen, those strong men
 Who lived in days of old.

Oh ! God, our friend and father dear,
 Who se'est us shed the bitter tear
 For many a wayward sin,
 Forgive us, Oh ! forgive, we cry
 And help us with thy grace to try
 To conquer and to win
 The victory of every foe
 That doth assail us here
 And seeks to bring eternal woe
 And doom our souls to fear.
 Thou who art love, enthroned above,
 Who for us bled and died,
 Be near anon and cheer us on.
 E'er keep us by Thy side.

And now my brother and sister too
 I bid you for awhile adieu,
 And kindly to you send
 Our warmest love and true affection,
 As shown by this our first exertion
 In rhyming to a friend.
 I hope to have your answer soon
 To this bit screed o' mine,
 And trust before the next new moon
 You will indite your line.
 No more the muse we will abuse
 By driving her too fast,
 But let her rest when at her best
 That she may longer last.

EPISTLE

TO JOHN WILKINSON, INDIANAPOLIS.

Noo auld freend John, I take my pen
 To write a line to you agen

Wham I lo'e weel and dear,
 In answer to your kindly letter,
 I trow I couldna get a better

Frae ony far or near.

It cheered my heart to read it ower

And a' the news you sent

To praise ower weel is yont my power

But I am weel content

Sae thinkin' I'm clinkin'

Some thochts into a rhyme

That ye may see what I could dae

Had I but just the time.

Your letter found me unco weel

And it werna for the muckle deil

Wha aye is trouble raisin'

By using his satanic arts

Upon our poor, weak, sinfu' hearts

Oor fralities ay praisin'.

He'd make us think oorsells sae guid

That we ha'e naught to fear,

As if we werna flesh and bluid

And didna shed a tear

Ower mony sins and shortcomin's

That vex us real and sair

And mak' us sigh as we draw nigh

To God in earnest prayer.

Ootside the wintry blast is blawin'

And light snaw flakes are quickly fa'in

Doon on oor mither earth,

While cosie by the warm fireside

Fu' snug I sit and safe abide

Sae favored frae my birth,

Wi'a the blessings o' the years

That noo are past and gane,

Though I had mony griefs and fears

And muckle toil and pain,
 Hoo gracious and precious
 My heritage has been
 Showered on me, poured on me,
 Frae Loves ain hand unseen.

Your letter lies before me noo,
 A welcome visitor I trow
 As e'er I've had of late,
 Wi' a' the news that it contains ;
 I thank you kindly for your pains
 But lang for it did wait.
 I'm glad to ken ye've been sae thrang
 Wi' needle and wi' shears
 Fitting the bodies o' the gang
 I hope for joy—no tears,
 Auld prick the louse I hope ye're crouse
 And canty a' at hame.
 Noo bear wi' me and hear frae me
 I speak na to your shame.
 Noo dinna tak' it sair to heart
 Ye were sae laug to tak' a start
 To answer scrap o' mine ;
 Time mak's a' things richt they say,
 And brought your letter safe a'e day
 Around my heart to twine.
 The words o' love o' former years
 When af'times we would meet,
 Those kindly words a' t brought the tears
 Those messengers sae sweet
 Owerflowing, thus showing
 The heart's love deep sincere,
 Caressing and blessing
 We hailed ilk ith'er dear.
 "For human frailty alas,"
 These are your words I would impress ;
 To err indeed is human,
 But I would add to this your line
 That to forgive is sure divine,
 Greater than virtue Roman

Wha boasted o' heroic deeds
 On fields of battle gory
 But never had it in their creeds
 To forgive the greater glory.
 Then imitate and cultivate
 This gift indeed o' grace,
 That beaming and gleaming
 It may shine in thy face.

Sae — — and his guid wife
 Ha'e lately been enjoying life
 By traveling abroad,
 A crossing ower the deep wide sea
 Seeing o' Lunnon and Paris
 And making their abode
 In many a distant far off clime,
 Seeing Cockneys and their ways,
 Or ower the channel for a time
 Sayin' "parlez vous francaise,"
 Or hearin' them swearin'
 "Eh, bien, Sacre Dieu "
 Wi' wonder to wander
 And then at last adieu.

And — — oor guid auld freen,
 Ye surely mony sights ha'e seen
 Sae lang ye've been awa',
 I vow I'd like to have been wi' ye
 And place after place had seen wi' ye
 And gi'en them a' a ca'.
 Can ye no write and gi'e a description
 O' places that you've seen
 And speak your mind without restriction
 As ye should to a freen?
 Reveal then and heal then
 My curiosity,
 Inditing thee, inviting thee,
 I ask it o' your pity.
 But — — takes the cake
 In simmer at Minnetonka Lake
 Where rich folks gang a fishin'.

Then in the winter at New Orleans
 As if he were a man o' means
 Guid luck to him I'm wishin',
 Though it would seem his lot is fickle
 As ever fell to ony,
 But I trust for a' he has a pickle
 O' the ready money
 To freely use and na abuse
 Whate'er he has to spare,
 When meetin' wi' and greetin' wi'
 His auld freens guid and rare.

I suppose when Burns' day cam' roun'
 In your bit inland railroad toon
 Ye were made unco happy,
 Gathering together fra'e land o' Scots
 And o' ane anither takin' notes,
 I doubt na ower the nappy
 Which durin' the night ye'd aftern. sip.
 As freen after freen did greet ye
 While frae the heart borne on the lip.
 Were words o' love, aiblins o' pity.
 Sons o' heather met together
 Are a happy sight to see,
 Sae freendly greetin' ilke ither meetin'
 On that night frae care set free.

Noo fare ye weel the muse must rest
 I trow wi' me she's dune her best,
 I here frae her maun light
 And dinna wi' my lines be hard ;
 Ye ken I'm but a lowly bard
 Yet striving to be right.
 And answer soon wi' heart o' grace
 This limpin' cripple rhyme,
 For I would like to see your face
 And hope to yet sometime.
 Noo fare ye weel and bear ye weel
 The burden o' your years
 And think o' me when this ye see
 Wi' a' my griefs and fears.

EPISTLE,

TO JAMES MCLAREN, NEWARK, NEW JERSEY.

Some thirty years have passed awa'
 Wi' simmer sun and winter snaw,
 Since in your toon sae far awa'

I first ye kent.

When to the grove we hied us a'
 On pleasure bent.

I mind fu' weel the place sae fine
 Where wi' the compass and the line,
 Either it was wi' tape or twine,

We made the rinks

When you and Sandy McGregor syne
 Played sic high jinks.

Ye pitched the quoits and made them whirl
 Fast through the air wi' sic' a swirl,
 And finely ye did nrak' them birl

Doon on the pin ;

Aft 'gainst ilk ither they would dirl
 Wi' siccan din.

Ye chose me to your play direct,
 I did dae sae wi' great respect,
 I often had to sair reflect

Hoo ye should play ;

My duty I did na neglect
 Upon that day.

While Sandy's man, big buirdly chiel,
 Was fu' o' fun and ettled weel,
 He fu' o' confidence did feel

Aboot his man,

And often turning on his heel
 He would us bann.

But jist fu' pawkie and fu' slee
 A word or twa or hint I'd gi'e
 When a' sae neat upon the tee

Your quoit gaed smack ;

I tauld them then wi' muckle glee
 To gi'es their crack.

And sae the game went slowly on,
 Ye got a shot and then anon
 He'd get anither as oft upon
 The pin he lay.
 Ower siccans play the sun ne'er shone
 As on that day.

But time was ca'ed before the game ;
 Mair than half dune it was a shame,
 But weel ye tried to make ye're fame
 Ring near and far ;
 Noo at this day nane can ye name
 But as a star.

Well, Jamie lad, nae doot ye mind
 The lad wha left you far behind
 A'e April day ye were sae kind,
 To see him go
 Borne on the wings o' steam and wind
 For weal or woe ?

His native land received him sound
 Withouten either hurt or wound,
 And his folks a' weel he found
 Glad him to greet,
 But noo a' laid by in the mound
 Beneath oor feet.

I was sorry to see you hurt yoursel',
 Ye must ha'e slipped and nearly fell,
 Just how 'twas dune ye couldna tell,
 Twas dune sae quick,
 But this ye ken ye're back sae well,
 Has noo a crick.

But noo I ken ye're wonderin', thinkin'
 Wha this bit o' rhyme is clinkin',
 While thochts aboot your brain are jinkin'
 Without remead.
 It's only I wi' sleep near blinkin',
 George Lindsay Reid.



EPISTLE,

TO MY BROTHER, JOHN L. REID, DANVILLE, ILLINOIS.

My ain, my kind and only brither,
 Besides you noo' I ha'e no ither,
 And what to say I'm in a swither,
 For my neglect
 I should be ticket ower the wither
 Into respect.

A year has nearly come and gane
 Since ye wrote me kindly and fu' fain,
 But procrastination is my bane,
 In writing letters ;
 I should be burdened wi' a chain
 Or bound in fetters.

But noo frae hence I vow and swear
 Gin ye wi' me will langer bear
 Sheet after sheet to write and tear
 Till I shall please ye,
 Your mind and body baith to wear,
 Guid faith I'll tease ye.

Your letter cam' the ither day
 And made my heart baith blythe and gay,
 For mair success I yet would pray
 In time to come,
 And that guid luck wi' you might stay
 And a' your home.

I read your letter ower and ower
 And glad was I 'twas in your power
 To rise abune the cloud and shower
 O' fortune's blast,
 Till ye your millions three or four
 Should sune lay past.

Then live in auld age at your ease
 Wi' nocht to vex but a' to please,
 Having plenty o' this world's 'crease
 To oil life's loom
 Till it wear oot and ever cease
 In silent doom.

'Though puir mysel' I still am canty
 And often I am prood and vauntie,
 Saying to myself let naething daunt me
 O' wordly care,
 As long's ye're weel and aye have plenty
 O' hamely fare.

I'm sittin' by the fireside thinkin'
 These thochts I into rhyme am clinkin',
 Sometimes they flee and after jinkin'
 Aboot awhile,
 I catch them up as they are sinkin'
 To durance vile.

But noo I maun draw to a close
 Or else frae verse drap into prose;
 But for this time this mude I chose
 O' ryhmin' news,
 The truth to you I will disclose
 Forced by the muse.

My wife and I send a' oor love
 To you and your's though far we rove,
 May peace e'er like a brooding dove
 Sit in your hame,
 And mercy point the way above
 A shining flame.

THE LUNCH STAND.

— — —, he keeps a lunch stand neat
 At the corner of Illinois and Washington Street,
 And there you can get of everything plenty
 From a fine selection both rare and dainty,
 Right tiddy faloo, faloo, fala ra day,
 Right faloo ral a—

As you walk down that way his place you'll espy
 And if you are hungry don't pass it by,
 But step inside and your order in a trice
 Will be served up to you both rare and nice.

There he has pork and beans and pickled pig's feet,
 And ham and eggs so fine to eat,
 Or steak and potatoes—a very fine dish,
 And should you prefer, you can have some fish.
 Or should you want oysters just wait a short while,
 He will serve them up to you in any style,
 Either raw or fried or scalloped too—
 Or better, you can have a splendid stew.
 No—he is a very fine fellow,
 Polite and friendly and very mellow,
 Begotten I assure you of a very fine stock,
 He can enjoy with any a very good joke.
 Then take my advice and give him a call
 If anything you should want to eat at all,
 He will do what is right by you every time
 If its only to the small amount of a dime.

A PRAYER.

Weak and sinful though I be,
 I approach Thee, gracious Lord
 And ask that Thou would'st unto me
 Some promise of Thy word afford;
 Some precious blessing let me find
 That I may honor Thee still more,
 Pure make my humble contrite mind
 And I will praise thee and adore.
 Save me henceforth from all the sin
 Which hereunto in my life has been
 A thorn to rankle in my breast.
 Wash Thou and make me ever clean ;
 Oh! glorify thyself in me
 Thou maker of all things below ;
 Oh! may the thoughts that dwell in Christ
 Into and from my mind e'er flow.
 To those with whom I have to deal
 May some kind word and thought be given
 Which may into their bosom steal
 And turn their thoughts from earth to heaven ;

So thus may I from day to day
 Become more useful, Lord, to Thee,
 That when my life has passed away
 I may enjoy eternity.

"Come angels ever bright and fair,"
 Thy loving watch o'er us to keep,
 Near hover in the midnight air
 And guard our persons while we sleep.

With brighter hopes our life renew,
 Stay close beside us all the while,
 Our hearts keep ever pure and true,
 Prevent our lips from speaking guile.

At early morning when we wake
 Prompt us to sing sweet hymns of praise
 To Him who dwells above the skies,
 To Him of everlasting days.

Angels watch ever o'er our home,
 Thy loving vigils o'er us keep—
 Unto our side at twilight come,
 Oh! guard us ever while we sleep.

IN MEMORIAM

TO MY DEPARTED WIFE.

Oh ! where art thou Beckie, the joy of my hear
 Oh ! why my dear darling so soon did we pa
 In Elysian fields dost thou ever more roam ?
 Oh ! where, tell me where, is thy bright spirit home ?
 Thou beautiful being so dear unto me,
 Oh ! when shall my eyes thy fair spirit e'er see,
 When join thee amongst the bright spirits above
 And breathe in thy ear the sweet accents of love ?

I think of thee, Beckie, by night and by day,
 And longs my sad spirit to hasten away
 To regions of bliss where thy spirit so fair
 Doth breathe in the fragrance of perfumes so rare.

Then watch for me, Beckie, for soon I will come
 And welcome me, darling, to heaven, thy home,
 There ever to dwell in those regions of light
 Where bright day ever smiles unclouded by night.

THE RIVER SAINT JOE,

Let great poets sing of their fair flowing rivers
 Meandering through lovely valleys so green,
 Where the beam of the sun on their clear water quivers
 And lights up with beauty each dear sylvan scene.
 Where all is delightful and pleasant and sunny,
 Where flowers of great beauty in profusion grow,
 I will sing of a river the equal of any
 It is no less a stream than the river St. Joe.

Its lofty green banks gaily decked with bright flowers
 Are truly reflected within its clear stream,
 There are many enchanting and natural bowers
 Where lovers may wander and poets may dream,
 Where swift by these bowers with a gay rippling motion,
 E'er glistening and sparkling its pure waters flow,
 No river deserves more a poet's devotion
 Than this swift flowing stream, the river St. Joe.

Flow on thou fair river and sing while thou'rt flowing,
 As oft thou hast done in the days long ago,
 E'er the red man beheld thy waves warmly glowing
 Or dashed o'er those waves in pursuit of his foe.
 Flow on in thy beauty by hills and through meadows
 Where the crops of the husbandman flourish and grow,
 Here kissed by the sunshine, there hid by the shadows,
 To thy rest in the lake, thou lovely Saint Joe.

COLLECTION OF HYMNS.

Oh ! Jesus, source of evcry joy
 That fills each humble Christian heart,
 Those pleasures are without alloy
 Which thou to thine dost e'er impart.

Oh ! what delightful hours are those
 We spend before thy throne in prayer,
 When to Thy side we each draw close
 Any see Thee fairest of the fair.
 By faith we see thee on the cross
 For us Thou died upon the tree,
 For us Thou counted all things loss
 That Thou from sin might set us free.
 And now our hearts to Thee would cling,
 Our eyes behold our pardon there,
 Now all we have to thee we bring
 Oh ! Thou the fairest of the fair.
 And when at last we come to die
 Cease struggling for a parting breath,
 Wilt Thou then waft our souls on high
 And help us conquer in our death ?
 Wilt thou receive us in that clime
 To greet our friends already there
 And join with them in praise sublime
 Of Thee, the fairest of the fair ?

HYMN.

Above all joys we can possess
 While here on earth below,
 Above all joys that truly bless
 Which human hearts can know,
 There is a joy o'er all supreme
 Which soothes the troubled breast,
 'Tis found beneath the mercy seat
 Of all our joys the best.
 It is the sense of pardoning grace
 Which fills the heart with peace,
 'Tis found by faith, retained by faith,
 It never more shall cease,
 But surely grow while here below,
 A bud of promise given
 To bloom at last when life is past
 A lovely flower in heaven.

I would that all this joy may find,
 So precious to the soul,
 Its peace will satisfy the mind
 While endless ages roll,
 In heaven above redeeming love
 Will e'er our tongues employ,
 To sing the glorious glad refrain
 Will be our dearest joy.

Then may we tune our voices here
 To praise the Saviour's name,
 And cry aloud the joyful news :
 Behold ! Behold ! the Lamb
 Who once was slain upon the tree
 That sinners he might save,
 But lives again to ever reign
 Victorious o'er the grave.

LIFE FOR A LOOK.

Look away to Jesus, weary soul,
 While sin's billows round thee rudely roll,
 Though the tempest rages high
 In a stormy cloud tossed sky,
 He will see thy pleading eye,
 Weary soul.

'Tis written in the book, weary soul,
 There is life for a look, weary soul,
 He will send thee joy and peace
 And from sin thy soul release,
 To thy heart for e'er give ease,
 Weary soul.

Then thou shalt sing for joy, happy soul,
 Praise shall e'er thy lips employ, happy soul,
 Christ shall ever be thy song
 As to heaven you move along
 Soon to join the blood washed throng,
 Happy soul.

With grateful hearts may we resolve
 To do the Master's will
 And while the years around revolve
 The post of duty fill.

May praise attend upon our lips,
 In our hearts dwell love divine,
 May future work the past eclipse
 And each lamp brighter shine.

The Lord shall be to us a tower
 Of strength in time of need,
 His grace shall give us greater power
 To do each noble deed.

Let us take each other by the hand
 And vow e'er to be true,
 And nobly an unbroken band
 Be bold to dare and do.

HYMN.

Master, another week has sped,
 Another Sabbath day has fled,
 And e'er to rest I lay my head
 I ask what have I done for Thee.

Something from Thee I've tried to seek,
 Some words for Thee I've tried to speak,
 And though I have been very weak
 I've done some work I trust for Thee.

I worshiped Thee among the throng
 And felt thy presence us among,
 I sang Thy praise in sweetest song,
 So much, dear Lord, I've done for Thee.
 And now before I seek my rest
 I ask for what Thou seest best,
 That I may be most truly blest
 With strength to do more work for Thee.



HYMN.

I heard a voice from Calvary's mountain
 Say, weary sinner come to me,
 Drink from me the living fountain
 And no more e'er thirsty be.
 Thy sins have all been laid upon me,
 I will wash their stains away
 If only you will hearken to me
 And in the future watch and pray.
 That voice I heard and went to Jesus
 And drank of that life-giving stream,
 He came to me who from sin frees us
 And changed the spirit of my dream ;
 So now the glory of his presence
 Is my joy by night and day,
 While praying that his kindly guidance
 May keep me in the narrow way.

SABBATH BELLS.

Those Sabbath bells how sweet they ring
 To cheer our hearts and make us sing,
 Of heavenly joy their music tells,
 I love to hear those Sabbath bells.
 Those Sabbath bells, their cheering voice
 Bids every sin-sick soul rejoice,
 Tell Jesus died on Calvary,
 Tell how God loved humanity.
 Those Sabbath bells they call along
 To praise and prayer and sacred song,
 They call to worship true, sincere
 In this sweet spring time of the year.
 Those Sabbath bells, their joyous peal
 Soothes every care, and make us feel
 Our sins forgiven through Christ the Lord
 Because we trust him and his word.

PATRIOTIC SONGS.

The banner of our country fair
 Is o'er us streaming fairly
 And as it floats out on the air
 Its stars are beaming clearly.
 That flag of old, each fold on fold,
 Let all true men from hill and plain,
 From shore to shore our country o'er
 Vow still to love more dearly.

Ye hardy sons of rustic toil,
 Revere the emblem which you see,
 Let no slave live upon the soil
 Your fathers fought and bled to free.
 Then swear for e'er that flag to bear
 In serried ranks, in strong phalanx,
 Whene'er a foe shall strike a blow
 Against your lives or liberty.

This glorious land of yours and mine
 Is freedom's shrine and altar.
 Then guided by the hand divine
 Press on and never falter,
 Sing freedom's song, its notes prolong
 Till o'er the sea all men are free,
 And with like praise their voices raise
 To heaven for freedom's shelter.

TUNE, "AMERICA."

Our country, ever dear,
 Where all from far and near
 May dwell in peace;
 Here ever clear and bright
 Shines freedom's holy light
 To greet our grateful sight
 And never cease.

Blest country of the West,
 Of all the lands the best
 Under the sun.

Let us preserve her name
 High on the scroll of Fame,
 Long burn the sacred flame
 Our sires begun.

Great God ! with grateful praise,
 Our voices we would raise
 To Thee in song,
 For blessings which thy love
 Sends daily from above,
 May we e'er thankful prove
 A happy throng.

TEMPERANCE POEMS AND SONGS.

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TUNE, "What the Bells Said."

The leaves were red and yellow,
 The autumn sun shone bright,
 All nature sear and mellow
 Was pleasing to the sight ;
 The birds still hovered round us
 And trilled their notes forth sweet,
 The grass and sweet leaved clover
 Lay crisp beneath our feet,
 Sending fragrance forth on the warm balmy air,
 Happy birdies singing, singing ;
 I then thought to myself, all the world is blest
 And we are joyously marching on.

With words of earnest import
 Our Grand Chief came along,
 He stirred our minds to action,
 Our lips to ardent song ;
 He told the baneful story
 Of Rum's accursed sway,
 And how in pain and anguish
 Full many a victim lay..

How 'twas sweeping them downwards to drunkards' graves,

Swiftly, sadly, surely, madly,
Of many broken hearts who in deep sorrow mourn
And wearily wend life's way.

He urged us on to action
Beneath our banner fair,
To stem the tide of evil,
Nor give up in despair ;
We heard his urgent pleading,
We joined the temperance band
Now marching on to conquest
Throughout our native land ;

As we go we sing now with heart light and free,
Glad songs, gay songs, sweet songs, brave songs ;
For the future is bright with fair hopes we see,
As we steadily march along.

One year has now since sped onward,
And the battle we've bravely fought
By gathering into a safe fold
Many lost ones whom we have sought.
So now with numbers strengthened
We wage the war still on,
Enkindled with fresh courage
By the victories we have won ;
Still with earnest hearts and with purpose true,
Gravely, stoutly, bravely, boldly,
We will step to the tune of the temperance song
And so fearlessly march along.

TOUCH NOT THE WINE.

Let those who may drink of the fruit of the vine
And sip with delight of the rosy wine
As it sparkles and shines so bright and so fair--
It is a deceiver, a demon lurks there.
Ah ! fatal to them will the draught be at last,
When the mirth and the joy are faded and past,
For down to the deepest of depths will they go
And suffer the doom of an endless woe.

Then touch not the wine
 Though it sparkle and shine,
 Be it Moselle or Rhine
 It will bite like a serpent at last,
 And sting like an adder when pleasure is past.

Many in youth have become its vile slaves
 And deeply disgraced have filled drunkard's graves,
 Who might have attained all of life's great ends
 And proved a great blessing to family and friends ;
 But they drank of the wine and it maddened their brain,
 They drank of the wine and it blasted their name,
 They drank and it led into folly and crime,
 Whose lives might have been made forever sublime.

CHORUS :

Now let one and all here exercise self restraint,
 And avoid with deep loathing the slightest attaint
 Of the venom that lurks in its death-dealing bite,
 Whose end is dark death in oblivions night ;
 Then dash down the cup full of rosy wine,
 Nor e'er again raise it to lips of thine,
 But ever engage against it in strife
 And drink, only drink, the pure water of life.

CHORUS :

TUNE, "Todlin hame."

While here a' alaue I sit and I think
 Hoo ast wi' the lads I ha'e ta'en a drap drink
 To pass awa' time or drive awa' care,
 But noo I am dune and will bumper nae mair,
 Bumper nae mair, bumper nae mair,
 But noo I am dune and will bumper nae mair.
 I thought to mysel' I ha'e tippled ower lang
 And sae to tell a' I write this bit sang,
 O' this world's troubles we a' ha'e oor share
 Without the drap drink that brings mony mair ;
 Bumper nae mair, bumper nae mair,
 Sae come noo my friends and bumper nae mair.

Oh ! leeze me on drink, its a harmfu' thing,
 And aye leaves 'ahint, a sharp, sair sting,
 To injure oorselves is indeed nae fair
 Sae let us break aff and bumper nae mair ;

Bumper nae mair, bumper nae mair,
 Sae let us break aff and bumper nae mair.

There's mony a man that would fain gi'e ower
 But drink has got him sae much in his power,
 Made him to his friends a burden o' care,
 Glad would they be did he bumper nae mair,

Bumper nae mair, bumper nae mair,
 Glad would they be did he bumper nae mair.

Come tak' my advice and fu' happy you'll be,
 As blythe as a lark and as busy's a bee,
 The haill day lang you will sing evermair
 And prood you will be that you bumper nae mair,

Bumper nae mair, bumper nae mair,
 And prood you will be that you bumper nae mair.

SGNGS.

OH ! JOHNNY COME BACK AGAIN.

For sometime past I must confess
 My heart's been sad and full of woe,
 And oft I've thought 'twas not amiss
 That I should wish to see my beau,
 And when he came here to see me to-day
 His face appeared so bright and cheery
 That my spirits were raised up right away
 And my heart at once grew gay and merry .

CHORUS :

O Johnny come back again, my dear,
 I beg you don't stay so long away,
 For I must confess when you are here,
 My heart is happy, light and gay.

The birds sing sweeter on the trees,
 More beautiful doth bloom the flowers,
 With fragrance laden seems the breeze
 And swifter fly the winged hours ;

The world more joyous doth appear,
 I am happy all the livelong day
 When beside me is my own dear,
 He drives each sorrow and care away.

CHORUS :

Now I and he are going to marry,
 Oh ! soon I hope to call him mine,
 Till that day comes I scarce can tarry
 My heart with his fore'er to twine ;
 Oli ! happy then my heart shall be
 With Johnny ever by my side,
 My husband he, so dear to me,
 And I his joyous, loving bride.

CHORUS :

SONG.

He wooed and won my trusting heart
 When I was beautiful and young ;
 For well he plied the lover's art
 With his fond looks and flattering tongue ;
 He praised my shapely comely form,
 He said my face was fair to see.
 And from life's bitter pelting storm
 Oft promised he would shelter me.
 I loved him better than my life,
 I worshipped him almost I trow,
 And through the future care and strife
 Would have soothed his throbbing fevered brow,
 I yielded to his fond embrace,
 With him life's sweetest joys did share,
 But with a heart devoid of grace
 For me and my love did he care.

SONG.

While far from thee, dear native land
 Now sad with weary feet I wander,
 And think of thy fair sea-washed strand
 Where lingering memory loves to ponder ;

Thou land where oft in childhood's hours
 My feet have pressed thy blooming heather
 And quaffed in thy enchanted bower
 Sweet pleasures gone alas forever.

By Devon's winding crystal stream,
 With youthful careless footsteps straying
 I've watched beneath the sun's clear beam
 Its waters glistening, rippling, playing ;
 There in the pleasant summer time
 While flowers on its banks were blooming
 I've heard the distant church bells chime,
 Their sounds my lips to praise attuning.

Oh ! Scotia, land of heath and broom,
 Land of the torrent lake and fountain,
 Where bright blue bells in beauty bloom
 Upon each hill and towering mountain.
 Now while in this far distant land
 I read of thee in Scottish story,
 And think of all thy heroes grand,
 I'll love thee for thine ancient glory.

SERENADE.

Dear lady fair, awake, Oh ! awake from thy slumbers,
 While far across the lake the breeze wafts my sweet numbers,

My harp's sweet tuneful string sounds to the loving strain
 Which for thine ears I sing as I seek thy bower again.

The moon shines bright and clear in the heaven's deep
 azure blue,

And sheds her silvery light over everything I view.

While quiet reigns around come listen to my song ;
 With love life's pulses bound I would not detain thee long.

Oh ! wake my lady fair, but if an enchanting dream
 As light and thin as air, like a gentle murmuring stream,
 Still binds thy senses fast in slumbers soft and deep
 My strain will soon be past, then no more my watch I'll
 keep.

Farewell, young lady bright, now ends my melodious lay,
 For e'er the morning light I must hie me far away,
 But I'll remember thee though in distant lands I roam,
 And soon as I am free I will seek thy mountain home.

SONG.

I lo'ed a lass wi' raven hair,
 She was a lovely lass I ween,
 She was sae tender, true and rare,
 And had twa bright black sparkling een ;
 She met me wi' a winsome smile
 Whene'er I gaed the lass to see,
 And wi' a heart aye free frae guile
 I aft her sweet red lips did pree.

When simmer days were lang and warm,
 Wi' ither lasses aft I've been,
 But nane my heart could ever charm
 Like this dear lass, my bonny Jean.
 Noo through the future o' life's years
 Until the very day I dee
 Amid my joys, my griefs and fears,
 My bonnie Jean, I'll mind o' thee.

SONG.

We are a' frae the land o' the thistle and heather,
 We are a' frae the land o' the brave and the free,
 And while here the night we forgather together
 May we spend it sae canty wi' wit, mirth and glee.

Oor forefathers fought bravely ower mony a field,
 Oft defeating the Norman, the Saxon and Dane,
 Swiftly driving them back with the claymore and shield
 Over mountain and vale to the shore of the main.

When the English invaded our dear native land,
 Then bold Wallace the banner of freedom unfurled
 And led into battle his brave warlike band,
 Till back from their hamlets the tyrants they hurled.

Then now let us sing her brave sons and fair daughters

Wha still live to add to her glory and fame,
And though far far across the wide waste of waters
May we lo'e and aye cherish that ever dear name.

Then here's to the land o' the thistle and heather,

The land o' a people sae brave and sae free,
And joyfully aft let us forgather together,
Although her blest shore we may nevermore see,

ADDED VERSE TO A SONG ENTITLED, "HER BRIGHT
SMILE HAUNTS ME STILL."

I shall soon be laid at rest
By my friends and comrades dear,
But the one that I love best
She will not come nigh my bier,
Yet with my last parting breath,
When cold, benumbed and chill,
I shall speak her name in death
And behold her smiling still.

JEAN McINTYRE.

Aft, aft ha'e I wandered by Alva's green braes,
Aft there to my lass I ha'e sung sangs o' praise,
Aft wandered wi' her I did sae much admire,
My ain dawtie dearie, braw Jean McIntyre.

In spring when ilk wee bird was biggin' its nest,
I ha'e sported wi' her I lo'ed dearest and best,
'Twas then her dear charms set my bosom on fire
As I gazed on the beauty o' Jean McIntyre.

When simmer had come wi' the fu' blawn flowers
That were nursed into life by the saft April showers,
Of sweet converse with her I never did tire,
She was sae interestin', braw Jean McIntyre.

In the lang winter night by her auld faither's ingle,
Wi' lads and wi' lassies I often did mingle;
Hoo swiftly the hours sped while I did aspire
To win the pure heart o' braw Jean McIntyre.

SONG.

Come a' ye folk that lo'e a sang,
 And pass the hours alang wi' me,
 The night before us yet is lang,
 Let's spend it then wi' mirth and glees.

CHORUS :

Noo let us a' sae happy be
 And spend the night with mirth and glee,
 Cement oor friendship wi' a sang
 And crack o' joys that winna dee,

We meet this night to honor him
 Wha amang the Poets stands sae hie
 And wha was neither prood nor prim
 But liked wi' canty chiel's to be.

CHORUS :

And he that 'mang us winna drink
 To the mcmory o' cor bardie slee,
 May he e'er stand ~~on~~ poortith's brink
 And by his friends forgotten be.

CHORUS :

Awa ye gruesome sour-faced thrang,
 This warld's joys wha fear and dree,
 Let me suggest ye're maybe wrang,
 Wha refuse wi' us to happy be?

CHORUS :

Here's to the land we lo'e sae dear,
 May blessings fa' frae heaven sae hie
 Upon her sons baith far and near,
 And may they aye in friendship 'gree.

CHORUS :

CURLING SONG.

The winter is comin' wi' snaw and ice
 And curling I hope will then be nice,
 Then awa' wi' glee we will gae in a trice
 To play a game on the ice, the ice.

CHORUS :

We'll awa' to the ice, awa', awa',
 Though the ground be covered wi' snaw, wi' snaw,
 Though Boreas cauld does blaw, does blaw,
 We'll awa' to the ice, awa', awa'.

Then brithers a' let us stir aboot
 And no be sweet though its cauld to gae oot,
 The ice will be guid I ha'e nae doot,
 And we'll play hand and hand aboot, aboot.

CHORUS :

Noo awa we will gang wi' mirth and glee,
 And be as happy as bodies can be,
 'Twill mak' oor hearts licht and young and free
 To curl oor stanes up close to the tee.
 On the ice we will curl wi' a' oor nicht,
 While every e'en shines clear and bricht ;
 Soop it up will cry haud noo thats richt,
 We'll put oor oponents in an unco plicht.

LIFE A FRAGMENT.

Life in youth is like a bubbling fountaint
 Gushing from the bosom of the mountain,
 Meandering merrily on in its pride
 Happily, joyously down the hillside ;
 Rippin.g o'er pebbles with musical clink,
 Kissing the wild flowers that grow on its brink,
 Glistening and sparkling ever and ever,
 Wending its way to the rolling river.

CAMPAIGN SONG NO. I.

Our chosen clansmen tried and brave,
 Have met with bonnet, plume and feather,
 Like yoemen bold, in days of old,
 Their counsel wise to hold together,
 And choose the man to lead the van
 Of loyal men from main to main,
 So quick and short they done the work,
 And made our chieftain James G. Blaine.

CHORUS :

Then hurrah ! hurrah ! now on we'll go
 Forth into battle once again ;
 And with brave hearts we'll meet the foe,
 Led by our chieftain, James G. Blaine.

Another, too, shall lead us on,
 Who nobly fought our land to save ;
 Whoe'er was known to stand his own,
 Aye, found the foremost of the brave.
 Now let us make the welkin ring,
 With shouts at war-note of the slogan,
 And quickly now fall into line
 At the command of John A. Logan.

CHORUS :

Then hurrah ! hurrah ! now on we'll go,
 While through this land is heard the slogan,
 And bravely fight like freemen true,
 Led on this time by Blaine and Logan.

Now let us thank our comrades true
 For their deliberate, wise selection,
 And with our votes their wisdom prove
 On next November at election
 Then let us work with might and main,
 While through the land we hear the slogan,
 Assured our work shall not be vain,
 With this our watch-word—Blaine and Logan.

CHORUS :

Then hurrah ! hurrah ! now on we'll go,
 When through the land is heard the slogan
 And bravely gain, as freemen should,
 The victory under Blaine and Logan.



CAMPAIGN SONG NO. 2.

TUNE, "Scotland Forever."

Let the Democrats exult with joy o'er their selection,
 And on the wings of faith with hope triumphant rise.
 And flatter their proud hearts that at the next election
 They shall seize with one more bound the long expected
 prize.

When they with joy supreme shall see their fondly
 cherished dream

At the last all fulfilled, and its rich fruition yield,
 This their hope, long far-away desired now for many a
 day,

O, at last to hold the sway, at last to win the field.

When the chiefs of their clans in counsel assembled,
 The sound of our war cry made their hearts to quake;
 The boldest among them with fear and dismay trembled,
 The bravest among them did falter and shake;
 O where shall we find a man bold enough to lead the van
 Forth into the conflict this time to succeed?
 So throughout all the land, resolving again to stand,
 They chose Grover Cleveland their forces to lead.

Yet with courage undismayed, life's pulses they are
 bounding,

We would enter the arena, would engage in the fray,
 And like valiant soldiers while the bugle blast is sounding,
 Would bear the palm of victory from the foe-man away.
 Hear now that warlike strain, see the plumed knight of
 Maine,

Foremost in the battle, in the thickest of the fight,
 With loyal brave Logan nigh, shouting "On to victory,
 Now let us do or die, and God defend the right."



CAMPAIGN SONG NO. 3.

TUNE, "Battle Cry of Freedom."

Let us rally 'round our standard, boys, rally once again,
 Shouting the cry of right and freedom,
 And march forth once more to the same old stirring
 strain,
 Shouting the cry of right and freedom.

CHORUS :

Our party forever, hurrah, boys, hurrah,
 Down with the false men and up with the true,
 While we rally 'round our candidates, rally once again,
 Shouting the cry of right and freedom.

Let us rally 'round our leaders, the tried and the brave,
 Shouting the cry of right and freedom,
 And never crouch to tyrants to be a willing slave,
 Shouting the cry of right and freedom.

Let us now add to our ranks a million voters more,
 Shouting the cry of right and freedom,
 And fall into the line stretching out from shore to shore,
 Shouting the cry of right and freedom.

We will follow Blaine and Logan, once more to victory,
 Shouting the cry of right and freedom,
 And on our opponents' faces defeat and shame we'll see,
 Shouting the cry of right and freedom.

CAMPAIGN SONG NO. 4.

TUNE, "Kingdom Coming."

Say, comrades, have you heard the good news
 That has come around this way?
 The Democrats have nominated Grover Cleveland,
 Who they think will win the day.
 A man who has done nothing at all
 To recommend his name;
 But I think about November, this fall,
 Will end his short-lived fame.

CHORUS :

He will stay at home, ha ! ha !

We'll elect Jim Blaine, ho ! ho !

We know this result is surely coming,

And we'll work to have it so.

Independents, too, have taken him up,
And think they are very wise ;
They, too, shall drink the dregs of the cup
And meet a great surprise.
The American people know too well
Which of the two to trust,
And next November their minds will tell
Like a jury wise and just.

CHORUS :

Now let each put his shoulder to the wheel
And roll the car of progress on,
Of the fairest nation in all the world,
On which the sun e'er shone.
Let each do his best and work with zeal
To elect the man from Maine,
And our brave soldier boy from Illinois ;
Leave Cleveland in the rain.

CHORUS :

CAMPAIGN SONG NO. 5.

Walk Around.

Who is the Democratic Presidential nominee ?
One Stephen Grover Cleveland.

What service e'er was rendered to his native country
By Stephen Grover Cleveland ?

He once was made the sheriff of Erie county.
This Stephen Grover Cleveland ;

And served the county well in that capacity,
Did Stephen Grover Cleveland ;

Afterwards he was elected Mayor of Buffalo,
This Stephen Grover Cleveland ;

And while there he did nothing much to show
 For Stephen Grover Cleveland ;
 And lastly he was made the Governor of New York,
 This Stephen Grover Cleveland ;
 And as such has done some very dirty work,
 Poor Stephen Grover Cleveland.
 Now this is all the reccomend his party have to show
 For Stephen Grover Cleveland ;
 If there is anything more we have it yet to know
 About Stephen Grover Cleveland.

CAMPAIGN SONG NO. 6.

TUNE, "Scots Wha Hae."

Republicans, from shore to shore,
 Awake, arise, go forth once more
 To work with might the country o'er
 And gain the victory.

See, the foe confronts again,
 Our army upon every plain,
 Assured they will the battle gain,
 And shout with ecstacy.

Our leaders call us to the field,
 Armed with buckler, sword and shield,
 Determined ne'er to foe to yield,
 We follow bravely on.

By all the ties that we hold dear,
 Like men we now should know no fear.
 But firm and earnest and sincere
 We'll cross the rubicon.

While far aⁿd near, above, below,
 Appears the cohorts of the foe,
 With eager speed now on we go
 To show forth all our might ;
 See, see athwart the autumn sky,
 The banners of our foemen fly,
 Now let us raise our loud war cry,
 And battle for the right.

CAMPAIGN SONG NO. 7.

TUNE, "Tramp, Tramp, the Boys are Marching."

For the next three months to come,
 Amidst the tumult and the din,
 Which will ensue throughout the land and nation,
 Where each one will do his part
 That his candidate may win,
 However high or low may be his station.

CHORUS:

Tramp, tramp, tramp, the hosts are marching,
 Through this great land of the free,
 While beneath the starry flag we walk forth as before,
 Let us ever live in peace and unity.

May we each consider well
 The fitness of the men
 Whom we would entrust with these great positions.
 And in our mind of minds,
 Ponder o'er and o'er again.
 Which ones ere fitted best by our traditions.

CHORUS:

CAMPAIGN SONG NO. 8.

TUNE, "Star Spangled Banner."

O, say, have you seen, at the close of the day,
 That bright star in the east now arising to glory,
 Which long has been scattering bright ray after ray?
 On, on, as we read in the pages of story.
 See now it takes its stand, resplendent and grand,
 Close to high zenith to smile on our land;
 'Tis the bright star of far Maine, O, long may it shine
 On this country of ours under favor divine.

In the heavens clearly seen this orb nightly appears,
 On its way to the west, its light softly is beaming,
 Its rays through the sky far above its compeers,
 With radiance and beauty the pathway is streaming.

Now behold its clear beam shining out from the stream,
 Which reflects all its beauty more brightly, we deem,
 'Tis the bright star of far Maine, O, long may it shine,
 On this country of ours under favor divine.

O, now let us walk by the light of its ray,

In the path of the just, as a people and nation,
 And drive the last vestige of slavery away,

And polygamy too which deserves condemnation.

Let us walk in the right and dare to do right,
 And away from the darkness of error's black night,
 While this bright star of far Maine still continues to shine
 On this country of ours under favor divine.

CAMPAIGN SONG NO. 9.

I hear a song, oft borne along
 Upon the breeze now ev'ry day ;
 From up far north it oft comes forth,
 To me a merry roundelay ;
 But from the west it sounds the best,
 When westling winds bear on the strain ;
 It sounds aloft—now loud, now soft—
 Elect our gallant son from Maine.

CHORUS :

Then sing the song, its notes prolong,
 So that the east may hear the strain,
 So sweet, so fair, borne on the air,
 Elect ! elect our son from Maine.

The sunny South, from mouth to mouth,
 Trills it to many a merry tune,
 So loud and clear, it strikes my ear,
 Borne on the balmy breeze of June.
 Now like a feast the brave old east
 Takes up the stirring, glad refrain,
 And says with zest, we'll do our best
 To elect our gallant son from Maine.

CHORUS :

Then sing the song, its notes prolong,
 Now while far East takes up the strain,
 Now loud and clear, it strikes my ear,
 Elect ! elect our son from Maine.

CAMPAIGN SONGS, 1888.

Fellow Citizens, arise,
 Noble countrymen, be wise,
 And while time so swiftly flies
 For Harrison and Morton work ;
 Urge their claims throughout the land,
 Plead their cause from strand to strand,
 Nobly an unbroken band
 For Harrison and Morton work.

CHORUS :

For Harrison and Morton work,
 For Harrison and Morton work—
 Shout this refrain o'er the land,
 For Harrison and Morton work.

Soon we shall begin the fray,
 Let us recruit then while we may,
 Till the great eventful day,
 For Harrison and Morton fight.
 Up now all brave boys in blue,
 Forward sons of veterans too,
 To the good old cause be true,
 For Harrison and Morton fight.

Like chivalric knights of old
 Our leaders are both true and bold,
 Tried like pure refined gold ;
 For Harrison and Morton vote.
 Swear then each true man and member,
 To work and fight and e'er remember
 On the sixth of next November,
 For Harrison and Morton vote.

SONG 2.

The Democrats feel safely now,
While they at Baal's shrine do bow,
And their hearts with joy o'erflow

From 'Frisco to Savannah,

So devoid of doubt or fear,
And rejoicing far and near,
They rend the air with cheer on cheer

And wave the red bandana.

Their leader may be all they claim,
To them his be a glorious name,
And they may shout aloud his fame,

One mighty to deliver;

But we have matched him by a man
Who ever marched in freedom's van,
Whose life his enemies may scan,

A Roland for an Oliver.

Let them rejoice then while they may,
And glory that they now hold sway,
E'en boasting they will win the day

They swear by Santa Anna;

But we shall meet them in the field,
Armed with justice as a shield,
Led by a man who ne'er shall yield,

The man from Indiana.

So trusting in the sacred right,
We fear no foe, though great his might.
Once more again we now unite

Our forces for the fray;

Side by side now on we go,
To hurl ourselves upon the foe,
And by one bold decisive blow

To bear the prize away.

CAMPAIGN SONG.

Ben Harrison, my Jo Ben,
 When ye manhood's life began,
 Ye early did resolve, Ben,
 To prove a worthy man,
 And so you studied hard, Ben,
 As through college you did go,
 And won distinction in your class,
 Ben Harrison, my Jo.

Ben Harrison, my Jo Ben,
 When first I came to know
 The great worth of your character
 My heart was made to glow ;
 Affection's spark had kindled there,
 Fate's winds on it did blow,
 Till brightly burned the sacred fire,
 Ben Harrison, my Jo.

Ben Harrison, my husband Ben,
 Through all the years that's sped,
 Since by the sacred altar, Ben,
 Where you and I were wed,
 I've often blessed the day, Ben,
 I've happy been I know,
 As your devoted, loving wife,
 Ben Harrison, my Joe.

Ben Harrison, my Jo Ben,
 Being ever true and just
 In all the work you've done, Ben,
 You' won the people's trust,
 And they have you repaid, Ben,
 By honors high and so
 Deserve your heart-felt gratitude,
 Ben Harrison, my Jo.

And now at last, my Jo Ben,
 They would confide to you
 The highest place in all the land
 Because they know you true ;

Though you may not command success,
 You can do more I know,
 You can deserve it by your deeds,
 Ben Harrison, my Jo.

AN ANSWER TO A PIECE TAKEN FROM THE NEW YORK
 SUN AUGUST 13, 1888.

What's this I see and hear the noo,
 What's this I hear and see?
 Some man that surely has been fou
 Wi' a wee drap in his e'en,
 Wi' a wee drap in his e'en nae doot,
 As blind as bat can be,
 Some sheer nonsense has drivelled oot
 Aboot the G. O. P.

But let him rail wi' a his wit,
 Wi' his wit let him rail,
 He'll find he has na clear coorse
 Wi' Cleveland's bark to sail :
 Wi' Cleveland's bark to sail, my freends,
 He has a stormy sea
 Wi' billows high and tempests loud
 To daunt his heart o' glee.

He had to speak o' Harrison,
 Of him he had to speak,
 In words baith light and flippant too,
 Yet a' sae very weak ;
 Yet a' sae very week indeed,
 They weaker couldna be,
 And fa' a' dunted to the grund
 When they strike sic as he.

At Jamie Blaine he had a fling,
 At him a fling he had,
 His wit exhausted on the wing
 Draps doon and sinks to dee.

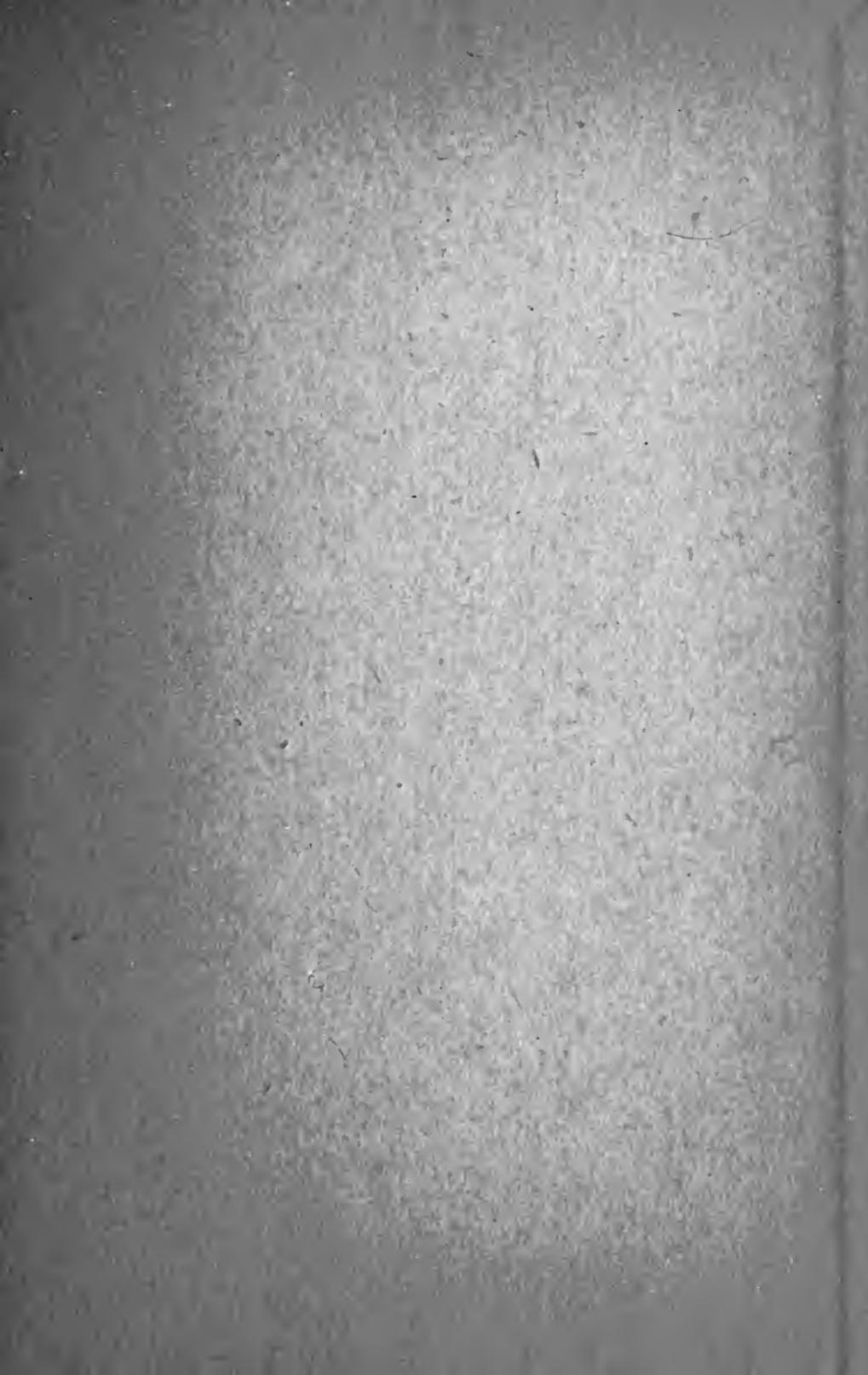
Draps doon ond sinks to dee in fear,
 As he comes hame again,
 He dreads him like a Banquo's ghaist,
 That chiel ca'd Blaine frae Maine,
 What though he tries prophetic lear,
 Though prophetic lear he tries,
 Cauld comfort he will get frae that,
 Drawn frae his barley bree.
 Young Lochinavr o' a the west,
 Shall come sae bauld and slee
 And seize his willin' laffin' bride
 Afore the haill countrie.
 And then awa' wi' nicht and main,
 Wi' nicht and main rides he,
 Till comin' to the grand white hoose
 Wi' muckle mirth and glee,
 He there sits doon his bonnie bride
 In spite o' a' his faes,
 While the Sun's bit prophet and his freens,
 Lament them ower their waes.











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